

PROCLAMATION 4111

National Beta Club Week

February 17, 1972*By the President of the United States of America*

A Proclamation

Honorable character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude—these are the qualifications of more than one-hundred thousand Beta Club members who are in junior and senior high school now learning the first lessons of leadership for tomorrow.

Ante, p. 39.

To call attention to the achievements of the Beta Club, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 153, has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week which begins on the first Sunday in March 1972 as National Beta Club Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Sunday, March 5, 1972, as National Beta Club Week, and I call upon all our citizens to encourage the Beta Club in its efforts to promote the ideals of honesty, service, and leadership among the junior and senior high school students of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4112

National Day of Prayer

February 17, 1972*By the President of the United States of America*

A Proclamation

In times of national need, this Nation has turned always to God. The earliest memories of our national experience include a vision of George Washington kneeling on a frozen hill at Valley Forge; they include the

stirring words of Benjamin Franklin as he asked the Continental Congress to begin its daily work with a prayer for, as Franklin asked "if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

From those beginnings, throughout our history, we have turned to God in need, in challenge, and in gratitude. We remember at the most recent days of our history when this Nation and the world listened in a moment of human triumph as a small space vehicle circled the moon and Frank Borman read from Genesis: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . ."

Today America is moving toward the objective we have pursued throughout our history, toward a dream as old as man, toward a world at peace with itself. We have no false illusions about the possibilities of achieving such a world. But history will not forgive us if we fail to try, nor will posterity.

All nations must share in the creation of such a peace. Each nation must seek the source of strength upon which its faith in the future is founded, and upon which its hope for peace is anchored. Let this Nation turn again to God. Let this Nation turn again to prayer as the world strives to move from a time of war to a time of peace forever.

As America stretches forth the hand that holds the olive branch, we know that other hands must reach out to take it. But until the deed is done and the peace is won, we must be patient and strong. Therefore, let each man, woman and child in this land recall the ancient wisdom of the scriptures: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth." Let us seek that help in prayer.

We remember that our enterprise must find favor in the eyes of God, for the scriptures tell us that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. . . ." As we pursue peace, let this people pray our search will find favor in the eyes of God and that we labor not in vain.

In recognition of the desire for peace among nations that the American people share with all the peoples of the world, the Congress by a concurrent resolution approved February 16, 1972, has requested that the President designate Sunday, February 20, 1972 as a National Day of Prayer for the cause of world peace.

Ante, p. 1572.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 20, 1972, as a National Day of Prayer.

I invite all Americans to join in the quest for peace, both by uniting in their places of worship, and by pursuing privately the purposes of peace through prayer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4113

National Farm Safety Week, 1972

March 7, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The Nation's unparalleled technological advances have given farmers and ranchers the ability to produce far more, with far less drudgery and uncertainty, than their forbears. This technology, combined with the skill and energy of our farmers and ranchers, has made possible a plentiful supply of high quality agricultural products, thus enabling us to make great strides in the battle against hunger.

Unfortunately, however, the implements of modern technology have also increased the risk of accidents to our farmers and ranchers. Each year thousands are injured or lose their lives in agricultural accidents or in mishaps on public roads, in homes, or in recreational activities. The dollar cost of these accidents exceeds \$2 billion annually, but the price in terms of pain and anguish and disruption of family life is immeasurable.

This drain on the human and economic resources of the agricultural community and the Nation can be reduced if our rural people, acting individually and in concert, take a decisive stand for safety. Many accidents can be prevented by eliminating hazards and using protective equipment at work, by defensive driving, and by general safe practices at home and during recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 25, 1972, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all persons engaged in agriculture and all those allied with agriculture to take appropriate measures to reduce the number and severity of accidents. Let us strive to bring the technology of safety to agriculture as successfully as we have brought to it the technology of production.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and